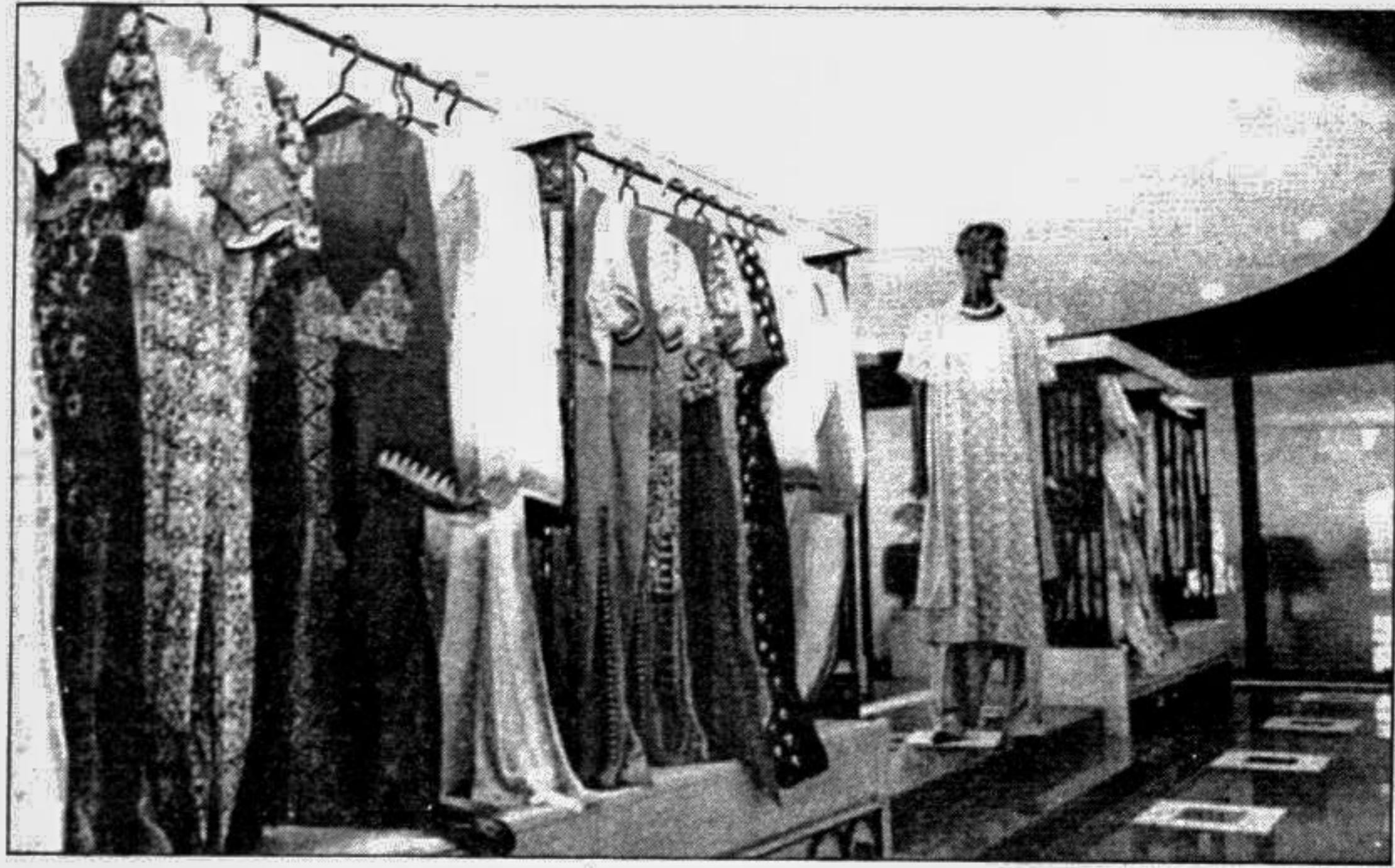


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The Fusion of East and West

Boutique Isabella reopens in the city at Banani



The newly opened Boutique Isabella

By Abdus Saboor

If simplicity and ethnic look are the fashion buzzwords of the 90s, then the words that welcome the third millennium are combination and mingling of east and west.

In Bangladesh the Ready-to-wear fashion industry has come a long way from where we were only a decade ago. Our lifestyle and needs have changed along with the global invasion of culture and its reflection on Bangladesh. The question is raised how far can we compromise with the West to preserve the individuality of our culture.

Keeping the issue in mind, the eminent designer of the town Bidisha Siddique Whisson, the owner of Boutique Isabelle comes forward with her stylish creations. In a press conference at the eve of the re-opening of Boutique Isabelle, she expressed her view that as Bangladeshi we can not only keep pace with the western world but also play a role in bringing in creative insertions in the global fashion world.

Bidisha, born in Rajshahi, is a Singapore based designer. She is a graduate from the Singapore Branch of the prestigious Lasselle International School of Fashion. She also completed a diploma course at Japanese school Sugino and traveled to Indonesia to learn batik printing. Bidisha has designed for world famous organizations such as Mark & Spencer's and Nike. She also got the best designer award 1997 in Singapore.



Bidisha Whisson

western wear on December 9, 1999 at Moity Shopping Complex, Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani.

The boutique was inaugurated by H.E. Shahata Zareb, the honourable ambassador to Palestine. Former President and Jatiya Party Chairman H. M. Ershad was present as the special guest.

Like the West, innovative styling is seen in Bidisha's de-

signs. Despite the popularity of short-sleeved blouses, kurtas and close-fitting tops, generally outfit are being designed with practicality and comfort in mind. The kurta and kameez are worn straight-cut nowadays, paired with flared shawls. Trendy young female Dhakaites favour churidars, culottes and palazzo pants. Block prints, brush paints, spray, hand paint and embroidery dominate Bidisha's fashion world.

Boutique Isabelle was first set by Bidisha in Dhanmondi to introduce western fashion wear in 1994. This innovative fashion designer did a lot to revive the famous Rajshahi silk, partly for personal reasons that she herself is from Rajshahi and also because the silk is softer and cheaper than other silks.

The new Isabelle offers reasonable price for the trendy Dhakaites. The prices of cotton saari and silk saari range from 800 to 1200 taka and 1500 to 3000 taka respectively. Salwar kameez ranges from 1200 to 3000 taka while the price of skirt and blouse is in between 1000 and 7000 taka. The boutique will also feature tailoring facilities and will receive orders according to its customers' choice.

Bidisha, at the inauguration ceremony said that she is launching her signature collection for the millennium. She invites both her old and new customers to come and visit Boutique Isabelle at the new location.

To keep up with the fashion needs of the modern women, Boutique Isabelle has expanded its premises in a different location. The boutique was re-opened with a brand new collection of both eastern and

western

style.

The first look at the paintings gives one the immediate impression of the artist's ad-

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impressions.

"I want everyone to under-

stand my works" said the artist.

The comment proves true when one sees his works. His semi-abstract works are not very difficult to understand but still the aesthetic beauty of the works does not seize to gratify.

His creations told simple stories. 'Loving' one of Samiran's works depicts a beautiful woman with a far away look in her eyes and a white dove holding close to her cheek. One could feel the love and compassion that the artist tried to bring out in his work. The theme is very straightforward but still the play with colours, blue and white, beautiful background that Samiran had created was breath taking. The artist had worked superbly to bring out the expression on the woman's face, which had a story of its own to tell, which is at the same time realistic and imaginary.

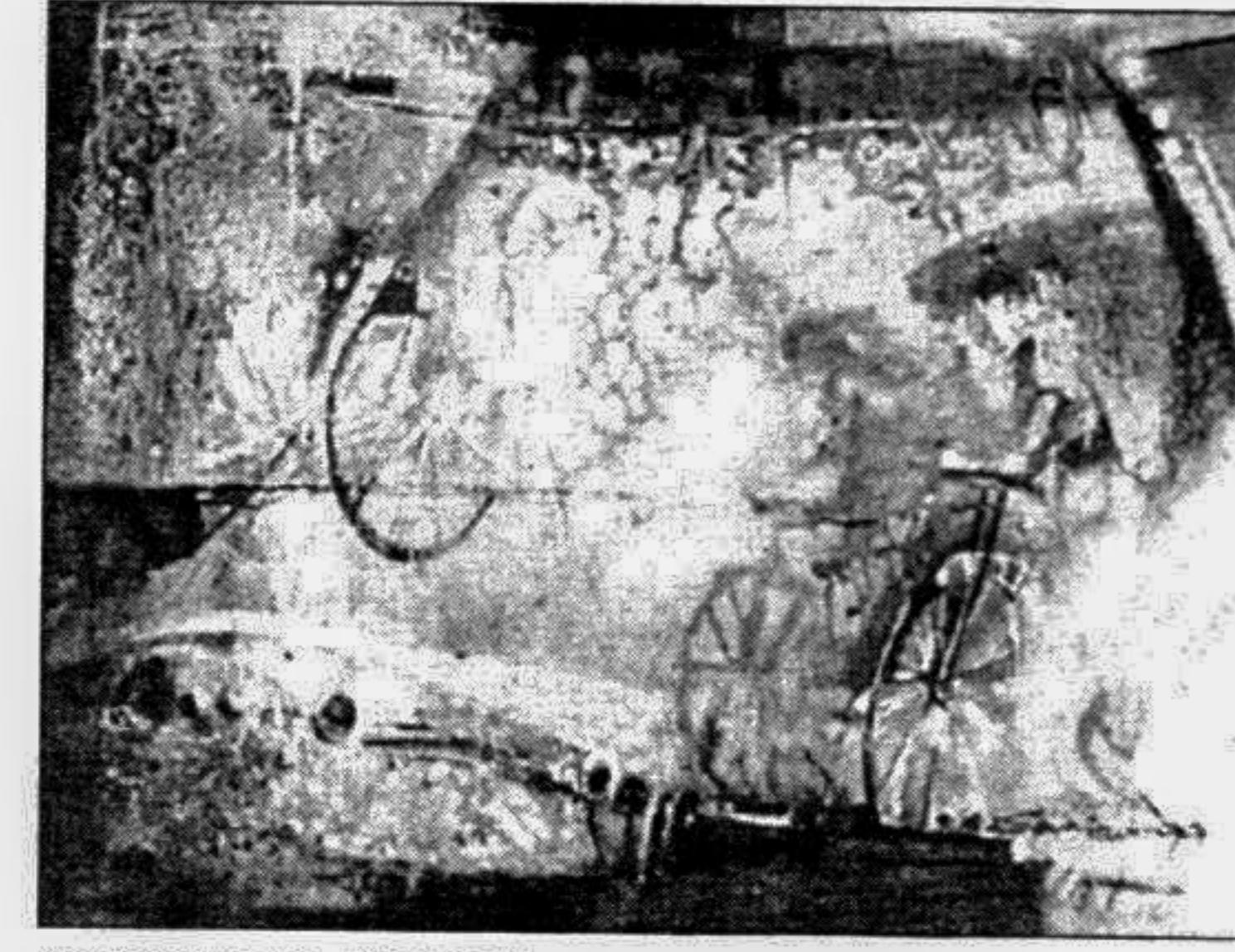
All of his works are done in water-based mixed media that creates oil like finishing effect. Samiran used Indian hand made paper to work on.

Samiran passed his M.F.A. (Drawing and Painting) from the Institute of Fine Arts, University Of Dhaka at 1987. At present he holds the position of the Principal of Narayanganj Fine Arts Institute. He had participated in many exhibitions over the years. He won the best award in watercolour in the Annual Art Exhibition of the Institute of Fine Art University of Dhaka at 1986.

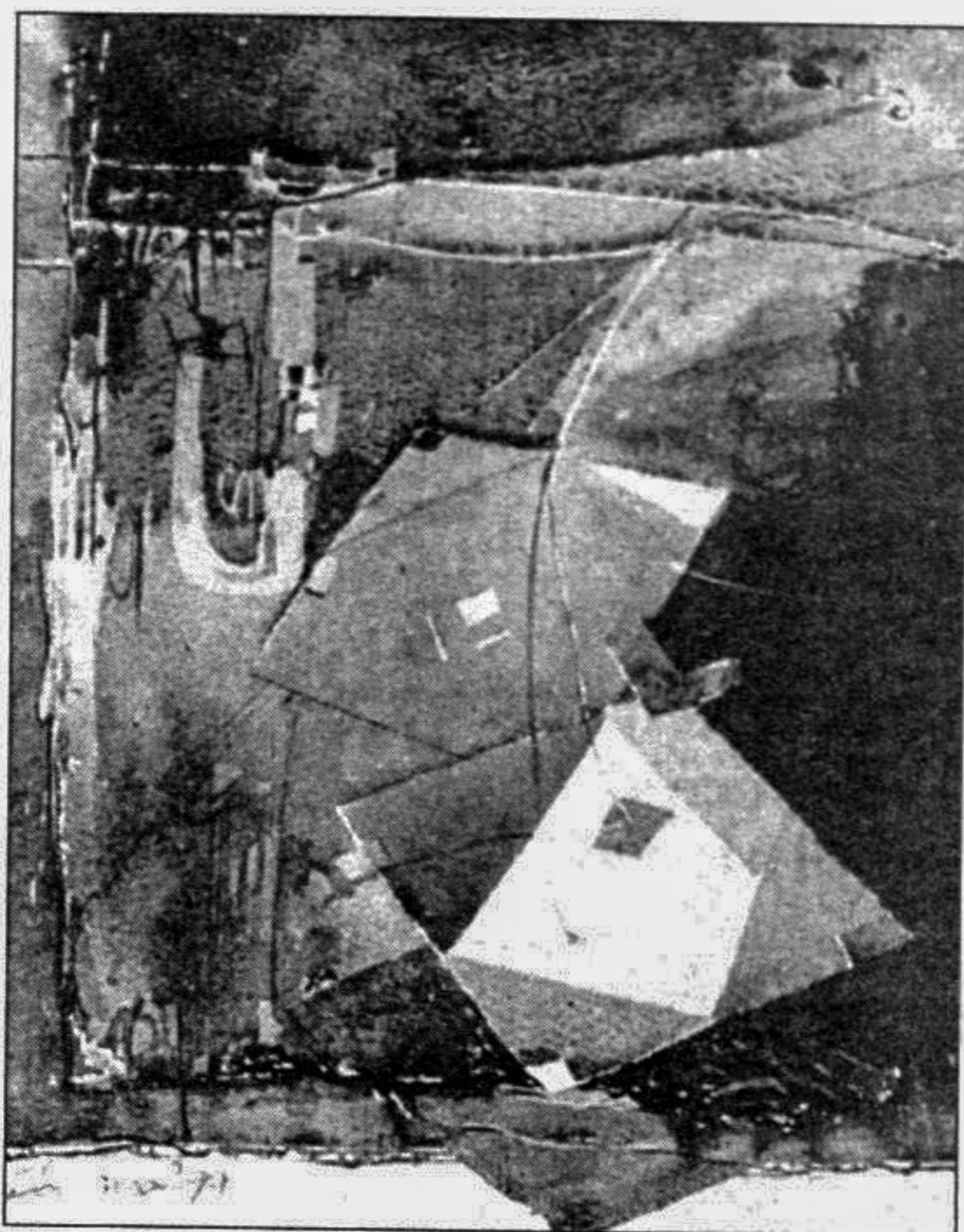
The Resident Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Yuji Okazaki was present as the chief guest at the opening ceremony of the exhibition on December 3. In his view Samiran's painting projects the same kind of sensitivity and peaceful effect as the Japanese art. The works of Samiran are surely a combination of colour, simplicity, peace and harmony.



Peace- mixed media



Moving Rickshaw mixed media



Kite 1- water colour



Loving- mixed media

TV Guide

Monday 13th December

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

ALPHA TV

6:00 Moner Moto Gaan 6:30 Alaaq 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Gandrabi 8:30 Antaraley 9:00 Zee Jalsa 9:30 Bangla Movie- Pavitra Paapi 12:00 Moner Moto Gaan 12:30 Chalo Chhara Chomotkar 1:00 Bharat Bhroman 1:30 Griho Saja 2:00 Bahari Ahaar 2:30 Bangla Movie- Jatugriha (Uttom Kumar) 5:00 Monihaar 5:30 Kee Darun Dreshow 6:00 Prem Trishna 6:30 Porom Por 7:00 Swapna Niye 7:30 Kagojer Bou 8:00 News in Bangali 8:30 Jhara Samayer Upakatha 9:00 Shyola 9:30 Bangla Movie- Shresho 12:00 News in Bangali 12:30 Bharat Bhroman 1:00 Grihosa 1:30 Bangla Movie- Shresho 4:00 Swapna Niye 4:30 Kagojer Bou

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STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action : Crying Freeman 9:30 Comedy: That 70's Show 10:30 Series: Everybody's Loves Remond 2:30 Fraiser 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The Word With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Soriyil 5:30 The Things People Do

CHICAGO HOPE

1:00 Series: Dharma And Greg 2:30 Series: Everybody's Loves Remond 2:30 Fraiser 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:20 Special: That 1 : 0 0 Kha bhas Khabrain/Close Down

KHABARNAKA & COMMERCIAL NEWS

1:15 Classics Drama Serial: Crime Files 2:20 Special: That 9:00 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:30 Chill Out Non-Stop Hits Continue...

NADYA/RAHUL

6:30 MTV Hit Mix 9:00 Total Recall 9:30 Brake Fail 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 B&W Gems 12:30 Daily Sope: Ek Hinali Gold T Jharokha 1:30 Negrge 2:00 Pop Re

SUHANE/RAJINI

3:00 Best of The Day 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Top Notch 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

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10:30 Game Game 10:35 Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Sope: Dropadi (Rupa Ganguli, Suneeta, Kushal, Sankar) 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament/Hour/ Music 12:30 Daily Sope: Ek Banhu Gan 1:00 Daily Sope: Aashita 1:30 Daily Sope: Rupkatha (Serial) 9:00 Samachar 9:30 Beta 10:00 Serial: Jai Gang Maiyah 10:20 Suraj 11:02 Serial: Sooriya Maharan Pratap 11:32 Serial: Itthas 12:02 Serial: Amanat 12:00 Tejaswini 12:30 Choti Choti Baatein 1:00 TVA 1:30 Naye Nazrane (Film Trailer) 2:00 Daily Sitcom- Hum Paanch (Rerun) (Serial) 2:30 Samachar 3:00 Daily Sope- Raahat (Serial) 3:30 Cinema Hits Hindi Film : Phool Bane Angarey (Rekha, Rajnikant) 6:30 Daily Sope: Mahi Prohbu 3:30 Daily Sope: Mohini 3:55 Daily Sope: Bhangar Khela 4:20 Nepali Programme 5:05 Tarun Darshani 5:30 News 5:40 Gaan 5:50 Palli Katha 6:10 Serial 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Daily Sope: Janmabhumi 7:30 12:30 Daily Sope: Ek Kanakanjali 2:30 Daily Sope: Kanakanjali 3:00 Daily Sope: Mahi Prohbu 3:30 Daily Sope: Mohini 3:55 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